



Command Sergeant Major Steven W. McClafin
Command Sergeant Major, 172nd Infantry Brigade

Command Sgt. Maj. Steven W. McClafin is a native of Hazleton, Ind. He enlisted into the United States Army in January of 1985 and attended Infantry Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he graduated as an Anti-Armor crewman.

Service: Command Sgt. Maj. McClafin has served in all levels of leadership positions to include Squad Leader, Section Leader, Drill Sergeant, Ranger Instructor, Rifle Platoon Sergeant, Scout Platoon Sergeant, Battalion Operations Sergeant, and Anti Armor Company First Sergeant with Company D, 1/505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Assignment: Command Sgt. Maj. McClafin was assigned to 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, Schweinfurt, Germany as the Battalion Command Sergeant Major in September 2004 where he met up with the battalion, which had deployed in February 2004 to Samarra, Iraq for "Operation Iraqi Freedom II."

Deployments: Command Sgt. Maj. McClafin's deployments include serving with the Multinational Force and Observers in the Sinai Peninsula, Egypt, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Saudi Arabia and Iraq with Delta Company 2/325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, Operation Enduring Freedom, Afghanistan with Delta Company 1/505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Operation Iraqi Freedom II in Samarra, Iraq, and Operation Iraqi Freedom 06-08 Baghdad, Iraq with TF 1/26 Infantry.

Education: Command Sgt. Maj. McClafin's military education includes Airborne School, Ranger School, Primary Leadership Development Course, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, Air Movement Operations Course, United States Air Force Airlift Planners Course, Jumpmaster School, Drill Sergeant School, Combat Lifesaver Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, Instructor Training Course, Combat Knife and Stick Fighting Course, Battle Staff Noncommissioned Officer Course, Force Protection Unit Advisors Course, First Sergeant Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course, Combat Pistol Course, and the United States Army Sergeant Major Academy.

Awards: His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal (3 OLC), Meritorious Service Medal (1 OLC), Army Commendation Medal (7 OLC), Army Achievement Medal (6 OLC), Good Conduct Medal (7th Award), National Defense Service Medal (w/Brz Star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (w/2Brz Star), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon (# 4), Overseas Service Ribbon, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Expert Infantryman Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd Award), Ranger Tab, the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge, Canadian and German Parachutist Badge, and Drivers Badge. He is a member of the Audie Murphy Club and recipient of the Order of Saint Maurice.